

## **For the JELA website---Barataria Preserve events February through June.**

**Call the Barataria Preserve Visitor Center at 504-589-2330 ext. 10 for information and reservations. All programs are free unless otherwise noted.**

### **Ranger-guided walk – 1:30 p.m. Sundays through Fridays.**

Saturday, February 8 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Saturday, February 15 – moonlight canoe trek 5 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Sunday, February 16 – sunset stroll 5 p.m. Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, February 22 – birdwatching walk 8 a.m. Ranger-guided walk for beginning and intermediate birders 13-adult. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, March 8 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Saturday, March 8 – Expanding Horizons Nature Program 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For children 6-12. “Nocturnal Nature” will take a special “trip” to visit animals that are active while we sleep. Reservations required; call 504-689-7611 ext. 12 beginning March 1.

Sunday, March 9 – volunteer training 1-4 p.m. For spring program volunteers. Includes bird and wildflower identification, safety basics, and information on volunteer opportunities.

Saturday, March 15 – volunteer training 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For spring program volunteers. Includes bird and wildflower identification, safety basics, and information on volunteer opportunities.

Saturday, March 15 – moonlight canoe trek 5 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Sunday, March 16 – moonlight canoe trek 5 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Monday, March 17 – sunset stroll 6 p.m. Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the sun sets and full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, March 22 – birdwatching walk 8 a.m. Ranger-guided walk for beginning and intermediate birders 13-adult. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23 – Wild Iris Weekend. Enjoy nature’s annual show as thousands of giant blue irises, spider lilies, and other wildflowers bloom. Free shuttle bus between preserve parking lots and wildflower trails 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wildflower walks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday, March 29 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30 – Wild Iris Weekend. Enjoy nature’s annual show as thousands of giant blue irises, spider lilies, and other wildflowers bloom. Free shuttle bus between

preserve parking lots and wildflower trails 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wildflower walks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tuesday, April 1 – registrations begins for Barataria Preserve's summer Earth Camp. Day camp for children 5-7 is June 16-20; for ages 8-11 July 7-11 or July 21-25; for ages 12-14 camp is August 4-8. Supply fee \$25. Call 504-689-7611 ext. 12 for registration material. Space is limited; register early.

Saturday, April 5 – birdwatching walk 8 a.m. Ranger-guided walk for beginning and intermediate birders 13-adult. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6 – Wild Iris Weekend. Enjoy nature's annual show as thousands of giant blue irises, spider lilies, and other wildflowers bloom. Free shuttle bus between preserve parking lots and wildflower trails 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wildflower walks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday, April 12 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Saturday, April 12 – Expanding Horizons Nature Program 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For children 6-12. "Something's Fishy" will explore a world of creatures that never close their eyes in a fin-filled program. Wear old sneakers or boots. Reservations required; call 504-689-7611 ext. 12 beginning April 1.

Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13 – Wild Iris Weekend. Enjoy nature's annual show as thousands of giant blue irises, spider lilies, and other wildflowers bloom. Free shuttle bus between preserve parking lots and wildflower trails 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wildflower walks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Monday, April 14 – moonlight canoe trek 7 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Tuesday, April 15 – moonlight canoe trek 7 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Wednesday, April 16 – sunset stroll 7 p.m. Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the sun sets and full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, April 19 – Earth Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities, exhibits, and earth-friendly fun for all ages at the Barataria Preserve Environmental Education Center.

Saturday, April 26 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Saturday, May 3 – birdwatching walk 8 a.m. Ranger-guided walk for beginning and intermediate birders 13-adult. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, May 10 – canoe trek 9:30 a.m. Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Wednesday, May 14 – moonlight canoe trek 7 p.m. Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Thursday, May 15 – sunset stroll 7 p.m. Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the sun sets and full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Saturday, May 17 – Expanding Horizons Nature Program 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For children 6-12. “No Bones About It” will introduce the incredible invertebrates: crabs, snails, insects, jellyfish, and more. Reservations required; call 504-689-7611 ext. 12 beginning May 1.

Saturday, May 31 – 1-3 p.m. Butterfly count volunteer training for mid-June butterfly census.

Wednesday, June 4 – 10 a.m.-noon. Butterfly count volunteer training for mid-June butterfly census.

Friday, June 13 – sunset stroll 7 p.m. Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the sun sets and full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20 – Earth Camp for children 5-7 years old. Day camp is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$25 supply fee. Call 504-689-7611 ext. 12 for registration information.